## **SENATE BILL No. 277**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-1-5.

**Synopsis:** Nonsupport of a dependent. Makes nonsupport of a child a Class B felony if the person owes at least \$15,000 in unpaid support and has a prior unrelated conviction for nonsupport of a child as a Class C felony.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

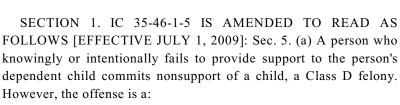
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (1) Class C felony if the total amount of unpaid support that is due and owing for one (1) or more children is at least fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); and
- (2) Class B felony if the total amount of unpaid support that is due and owing for one (1) or more children is at least fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and the person has a prior unrelated conviction for nonsupport of a child as a Class C felony.
- (b) It is a defense that the child had abandoned the home of his the child's family without the consent of his the child's parent or on the order of a court, but it is not a defense that the child had abandoned the home of his the child's family if the cause of the child's leaving was the



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his the person's religious belief, provided treatment by spirit cans through prayer, in lieu of medical care, to his the persopendent child.
(d) It is a defense that the accused person was unable to prove oport.  SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] IC 35-46-1-5,
nended by this act, applies only to crimes committed after Ju , 2009.

